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Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador*, El Salvador, Haiti*, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru*, Portugal*, Spain, United States of America, Uruguay* and Venezuela*: draft resolution

First regional meeting convened by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to evaluate the World Summit for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling paragraph 95 (h) of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, 1/ in which the Summit recommended that regional commissions, in cooperation with the regional intergovernmental organizations and banks, convene, on a biennial basis, a meeting at a high political level to review progress made towards implementing the outcome of the Summit, exchange views on their respective experiences and adopt the appropriate measures,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 96.IV.8).

1. Welcomes the convening by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean of the first regional meeting to evaluate the World Summit for Social Development, which was held at São Paolo from 6 to 9 April 1997, the first of its kind, with the participation of high-level representatives of Latin American and Caribbean countries;

2. Expresses its appreciation for the final document of the meeting, known as the "São Paolo Consensus", in which the signatories undertook, inter alia, commitments related to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development;

3. Invites other regions to convene their respective evaluation meetings on the Summit.